

People Who Have the Best Things of Life Think it is Their Right. Every Rich Man Ought to Put in One Week a Year Sweeping Streets

OUR FIRST YEAR IN WAR COST TEN BILLION

Loans to Allies May Raise it to \$15,000,000,000

MORE BONDS COMING

Officials Predict that Not More Than Two Billion Will Be Raised by Taxation.

Washington, July 28.—Estimating the cost of the war for the coming year at \$10,735,807,000, exclusive of loans to the allies, the administration informed Congress yesterday that new revenues totaling \$7,000,000,000 must be raised from taxation or issuance of securities.

If advancement of credit to the allies is continued at the present rate, the year's total of war expenditures will pass \$15,000,000,000 and the amount of additional revenue required will increase accordingly. How Congress will meet the enormous new revenue requirements remains to be determined, but there is a distinct sentiment in favor of offsetting most of the expenditures by bond issues.

Equipment and stores for the national army, particularly artillery, will require the lion's share of appropriations under the administration's estimate. Of the year's total of \$10,735,807,000 the war department alone expects to spend \$7,804,299,000, or \$5,319,600,000 more than has been appropriated thus far for its expenses during the year.

The navy expects to spend \$1,200,000,000, of which \$288,000,000 remains to be appropriated. The shipping board whose shipbuilding projects place it third on the list, expects to spend \$799,999,999 of which \$350,000,000 remains to be appropriated. These figures cover the cost of the war from July 1 last to June 30 next. They do not include the money spent prior to the first of this month.

Estimated receipts for the year were placed by Secretary McAdoo, in transmitting the estimates to the House ways and means and Senate finance committees at \$1,333,500,000. This estimate of receipts did not include revenues to be raised under the pending war tax bill, estimated by administration leaders in Congress at \$1,670,670,000. Revisions of the bill will begin immediately to embody whatever additional taxation it may be deemed best to impose as a result of the new estimates.

The major item of the war department's supplemental war estimates listed as \$2,468,613,900 for armament for fortifications, covers the bulk of the mobile artillery program, including mobile guns of all calibre. Secretary Baker explained yesterday, Mr. Baker also corrected the impression that great numbers of the guns to be used by American troops in France would be finished in French gunshops and fitted to French ammunition. All of those finished abroad will be bored and rifled for American ammunition, he said, and the total number so finished will be only a small part of the department's enormous artillery program.

LARGE EARLY APPLE CROP

One Illinois County Making Big Shipments

St. Louis, July 26.—The largest apple crop in years is being sent to market from Calhoun county, Illinois.

There is no railroad in the county and the crop will be shipped to the St. Louis levee by steamboat, thence sent by train to other markets.

SOUTH SHAFTSBURY

All members of the different committees of the Red Cross society are requested to meet in the church parlors Tuesday evening, July 31 at 7.45. Important business is to be transacted.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WANTED—To buy four young pigs. Apply Frank Peschke, Old Bennington, Tel. 133-W. 5216

WANTED—A man for haying. Pay good wages. Lester J. Robinson. 5216

LOST—Yellow Scotch Collie with collar. Finder will be rewarded upon return to Alfred Philpot, North Bennington, R. R. D. 2. 5212

NO BIG LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP MAY BE PLAYED

Johnson Favors Eliminating World's Series

PLAYERS ARE DRAFTED

President of American League Urges Men Not to Claim Exemption from Service.

Chicago, July 28.—There is likely to be no world's series this year as a result of the drain on major league baseball players by the draft. B. B. Johnson, president of the American league, said last night on his return from New York. He said that tabulation of draft numbers held by players showed that probably 25 men would be taken from the American league and that the American league would not play the series if handicapped by so serious a loss. The league president also stated that he had learned that the military drafting installed by the league early in the season would not cause the war department to extend exemptions to ball players until the end of the season. His information, Mr. Johnson declared, was that the ball players would be drafted about September 1.

An interview by the American league president in New York urging ball players not to claim exemptions gave rise to suggestions by baseball experts in Chicago that the draft would result in recalling to the major league many men now playing in the minor league, but are now past the age of the draft.

The second division clubs and the smaller leagues will suffer more from the draft, it was pointed out, than the big leagues, owing to the larger percentage of older men in the first division clubs. The younger players now being tried out in the small and second divisions will show a larger percentage taken by the draft. "I sincerely hope that ball players in both major and minor leagues who have been drafted will go to the colors without claiming exemption," Mr. Johnson said.

WANTS BERLIN BOMBED

New York Chemist Offers \$1,000 to First American Who Does It.

New York, July 26.—A prize of a \$1,000 Liberty Bond has been offered to the first American aviator who bombs Berlin from the air, as German airmen have been bombing London and towns on the English east coast. Sigmond Saxe, a chemist, made the offer in a letter which he sent to the Aero Club for America and to the newspapers of the city. Mr. Saxe did not ask the co-operation of the Aero Club, but said that he would welcome any suggestions for making his original offer the basis of a fund if the Aero Club should be willing to handle it. In a letter Mr. Saxe says:

"Now that we are to have an American aviation corps, I will present a \$1,000 Liberty Bond to the first American aviator who will drop bombs over Berlin. Remembrance of the American friends lost on the Lusitania prompts me to make this offer. "It could only recall sad thoughts to their relatives who are here if I mentioned the names of these friends and it would accomplish no good. My thought is to avenge them. This thing with me is entirely a matter of reprisal. I am enraged at the attitude of Germans towards Americans, even toward German-Americans who speak German and look like Germans. Several of my friends have arrived from Germany and have told me of the experiences to which they were subjected, even though they were German-Americans."

MAY DRAFT ALLIES' SUBJECTS

All Entente Nations but Russia Have Indicated Men Are Willing.

Washington, July 26.—Treaty changes with America's Allies to make their subjects in this country eligible to the draft have been considered by the Senate foreign relations committee. Chairman Stone and Senator McCumber were named to confer with President Wilson on the latter's resolution proposing treaty negotiations. Committee sentiment was said to favor subjecting all aliens to the draft, except enemy subjects and neutrals. Senator Stone was advised that the subject had been considered favorably at Tuesday's cabinet meeting. All the Allies except Russia were said to have indicated their assent.

WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont, fair tonight and Sunday. Warmer in west portion.

CLASS IN WIRELESS

Chance for Women and Girls to Help in War Service.

There is a possibility that a class in wireless telegraphy may be started for women and girls in Bennington. The course is an extension course of the wireless class for women at Hunter college of the city of New York, and is essentially preparatory.

The preliminary training given by the extension course will carry the members of the class to the point of deciding whether to finish their training for commercial licenses. In this case a short course in the college in New York or Boston would be sufficient.

One of the questions most frequently asked is: What are women going to do with their wireless training when they have received their licenses? The answers set forth in the following extract from a letter written on June 18, to the director of the wireless class for women by Colonel C. McD. Saltzman, acting chief signal officer of the U. S. army:

"Permit me to congratulate you, and through you the young women who have begun their training at Hunter college, for the spirit of self-sacrifice and patriotism exhibited in your letter of June 12th. As the present war goes on more and more men must be released from civil employment to take their places in the active field forces of the Nation and their present positions filled by women. Particularly is this true in the cases of radio and landline telegraphy. The womanhood of America must be depended upon to assist in bringing this war to a successful termination, and while there is no fear as to what their response will be, still it is most assuring to see such concrete evidence of the fact as your league of ferns."

Will those who would be interested in taking this Extension course in wireless telegraphy please communicate with Mrs. T. F. Turner, state chairman of the National League for Woman's Service; telephone 285-M, at their earliest opportunity.

KITCHENER ALIVE?

Sister Declines to Explain Basis of Her Belief in It.

London, July 27.—The statement by Mrs. Parker, sister of Lord Kitchener, that she believes her brother to be alive and did not go down with the cruiser Hampshire, has revived a rumor which has recurred in England during the year past. Asked by an interviewer today on what grounds she based her belief, Mrs. Parker replied: "I cannot tell you on what grounds I believe it. In fact, I don't want to go into any details whatever."

The original rumor was that a letter had been received from a British prisoner in Germany saying that Lord Kitchener was a prisoner there. The letter was never traced and this rumor was considered a canard.

In regard to the belief of the sister of Lord Kitchener that he is still alive: When recently in Australia it was shown letters from Australian soldiers, imprisoned in Germany. There were vague references to some big British personage being held by the Germans, such as "K." is here!" and "The world will be astounded when it is known who is a prisoner here!"

Therefore, the idea has taken hold in Australia and is growing stronger that Kitchener was not drowned with the sinking of the Hampshire. Kate Rooney, Dorchester, L. I., July 27.

BILL TO DRAFT ALIENS

Supports Plan Which Would Affect Nearly a Million Men

Washington, July 27.—The senate committee on military affairs reached a unanimous agreement today to support the Chamberlain resolution providing for the conscription of friendly aliens of military age. The resolution will be reported to the senate next week and is expected to be adopted. The military affairs committee has been in touch with the state department and it is understood that the department has given the resolution its sanction.

The committee amended the resolution today to give exemption in the operation of the draft to aliens who, under the law, cannot become citizens of the United States. This exempts Chinese and Japanese. Other exceptions, embraced in the original resolution will be given to friendly aliens whose countries do not have conscription and which have treaties with the United States providing for that exemption. This exemption would concern Canadians and Australians.

Nearly 1,000,000 aliens will be subject to draft under the Chamberlain resolution if it is adopted by congress. If the Chamberlain resolution is not adopted by the senate, the foreign relations committee will offer the McCumber resolution directing the president to enter into negotiations.

NORTH BENNINGTON

Rev. Lynn Armstrong of Brooklyn, N. Y., a former resident of Bennington will occupy the pulpit at the Congregational church Sunday morning. Sunday school at twelve as usual. No services in the evening.

U.S. FLAG NOW AT MASTHEAD OF VATERLAND

Old Glory Hoisted Over Big German Liner

REPAIRS COST \$1,000,000

Secretary Daniels Says Fifteen More German Ships Will Soon Be in Transport Service.

Washington, July 27.—Secretary Daniels announced tonight that the American flag was hoisted on the great German liner Vaterland today. He also stated that fifteen other German ships had been taken over by the Government and the work of fitting them out for transport service would be rapidly pushed to completion. The work on all these ships was begun some time ago by contract under the Shipping Board. The Navy Department has now taken over this work under its direction.

Washington, July 27.—The big German steamship Vaterland, seized at New York by the American Government when America declared war on Germany, will be ready for service shortly. Repairs to the ship have cost slightly less than \$1,000,000.

More than half the German vessels taken over by the United States have been repaired and put on the seas. All those taken in American continental ports will have been repaired in a few weeks.

Captain Hans Ruser, formerly of the liner Vaterland and senior commander of the Hamburg-American Line fleet, left New York yesterday with a contingent of forty-nine officers and men from Ellis Island for Hot Springs, N. C., where they will be interned for the duration of the war.

WILL NOT REDUCE QUOTA

Enlistments Made Now Will Not Count Against Draft.

County Clerk J. J. Shakhobor received a letter today from Adjutant General Tillotson which states: "Replying to your letter of July 25, 1917, you are advised that registrants who now enlist do not reduce the net quota of men to be furnished by your county."

PACKAGES FOR "SAMMIES"

Parcels May Be Sent to France for 12 Cents a Pound

Washington, July 26.—Parcel post packages may be sent to soldiers of the American expeditionary force at the rate of 12 cents a pound, but may not be registered, insured or sent C. O. D. The post office department announced today.

The Cabin on the Mountains. (Dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Patterson.)

Up on the mountain there stands an old cabin, Hallowed by memories of the years that have flown, The old-fashioned porch and the rooms that we rest in, Gave an air that "Just Suits Us" and remind us of home.

The approach of this cabin, as we walk up the hillside, Makes us wonder if Eden could offer us more, The perfume of ferns that emborder the roadside, Give a promise of rest as we pass through the door.

As we lie down to sleep midst the sweet smelling fragrance, Of balsam and spruce and the wide spreading pine, We hear the sweet murmur in musical cadence, Of a beautiful trout stream in mythical rhyme.

"The Bickford," the name of this beautiful water, Has sung its sweet song for the ages long past, It has murmured its music to son and fair daughter, And of all mountain songs may it long be the last.

The pleasure we've had in that old mountain cabin, Will be dear to our hearts while memory lasts, The fragrance we've breathed and the beds we have slept in, While the Bickford still sings of the days that are past.

George B. Sears, White Plains, N. Y., July 23, 1917.

Not Appreciated. "Why are you in prison, my good man?" asked the sympathetic visitor.

"I wanted to do a deed of kindness, mum, but de law didn't see it dat way."

"No?" "I wuz told dat a certain millionaire's money wuz a burden to him, an' I tried to lighten his burden."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Knights of Columbus War Camp Fund

RESULTS OF SIXTH DAY

Table with 2 columns: Ward/Location and Amount. 1st Ward, J. J. McDermott, Capt. 119.00; 2nd, Patrick Trzaski, Capt. 170.00; 3rd, J. J. Whitney, Capt. 105.00; 4th, P. J. Dunn, Capt. 61.00; 5th, M. J. Mahar, Capt. 63.00; 6th, Richard Burke, Capt. 88.00; Old Bennington, John Campbell, Capt. 92.75; North Bennington, James McGovern, Capt. 75.00; Received by General Committee. 47.00

Amount to be raised \$179.25

Make checks payable to— WM. SHEA, Treas.

TO SPEED COMMISSIONS

For Successful Candidates at Officers' Training Camps.

War department officials are preparing to issue commissions to successful candidates at the officers' training camps promptly on the closing of the first series of camps August 15. Definite figures as to the number to be commissioned are not available, but probably more than 20,000 men and perhaps 25,000 will receive their papers. Their assignment to the regular army, national guard or national army will follow immediately.

Officers in charge of the camps already are making up their recommendations. The lists will begin to reach the war department about August 1, and a special corps of clerks will be set to work making out the commissions so that all can be returned to the camps in time to be issued to the new officers when the training period closes. An officer from each camp will bring in the list and take back the commissions.

The task of making out this number of commissions is the greatest of its kind ever undertaken by the department. Each commission must bear the signature of the secretary of war and the adjutant-general.

VERMONT UNDER SHELL FIRE

Interacting Letter by Stanley C. Fitts of Brattleboro.

A Vermont boy, Stanley C. Fitts of Brattleboro, who is on the firing line in France, has written an interesting letter to relatives, in which he tells of some narrow escapes from German shells.

A portion of the letter, as quoted by the Brattleboro Reformer, is as follows: "Somewhere in France, June 29—Last night we discovered what real danger is like, for we were under shell fire for seven hours. About 6 o'clock in the evening we arrived at the edge of some woods. There were three of us and two cars. Just beyond was a meadow about two miles long and 300 yards wide. At the other side the land rose about 300 feet in a semi-circle and in this semi-circle were three batteries of a half mile apart. A river cut the meadow in half and a pontoon bridge crossed the river.

We lay on the edge of the woods for four hours while hundreds of shells landed around the batteries and bridge. This lasted for four hours and we didn't move from where we were until a lull in the bombardment gave us a chance to race across the meadows to a battery on the opposite hill—our destination. During that long wait shells landed within a few yards of us, but the safest place was flat on the ground where we were. After we got across the bridge and over to the battery—about 11 p. m.—shrapnel began bursting right over us and hot pieces of iron as big as a plate began falling, one within three feet of me. We left our track beside the road and took shelter under a pile of lumber. For two hours more we stayed there, while pieces of shrapnel landed on top of the pile and all around it. We could reach out arms out and get pieces within two or three feet of us after they had cooled off.

The shelling ceased at 1 o'clock and we crawled out from under our cover and I found two holes in the roof of my truck and one of the mud guards torn off.

We started back after we were unloaded and just as we got to the edge of those woods where we spent the early evening they began shelling again. We were, however, pretty well out of danger—and glad of it.

Now that it is over I'm glad I've been through it once, but I'm not anxious for the next time. The feeling one has during such a time is indescribable, but you can easily imagine our feeling after it is all over.

About our only real pleasure is to receive mail and newspapers. I received my first copy of the Brattleboro paper the other day and more will be welcome. I am very happy and am enjoying the work immensely in spite of thrills now and then.

I sincerely hope that all of you are well and having a little quieter summer than I am having.

Love to all.

Stanley.

P. S. One of the Dartmouth men was killed Friday.

TEUTONS DRIVE ON UNDER EYES OF THE KAISER

Emperor Observes Advance of Army in Galicia

KOLOMEA IS CAPTURED

Austro-German Troops Pushing Ahead on Both Sides of the Dniester River.

July 28.—Near Tarnopol, in eastern Galicia, Emperor William on Thursday watched the German troops extend their gains at the Sereth bridgehead, says the official statement issued yesterday by the German war office at Berlin. The statement says that the German troops are rapidly advancing on both sides of the Dniester river. The Galician town of Kolomea, on the railroad between Stanislaw and Czernowitz has been captured by the Teutons.

Troops under command of Archduke Joseph have retreated on the Rumanian front. The Teutons have left to the Russo-Rumanians the territory in the Suchitza valley as far as the upper course of the Putna river.

The Austro-German forces are pursuing the Russians, who are retreating through the wooded Carpathians in the direction of the river Pruth. The announcement follows:

"Front of Prince Leopold: Army group of Gen. Boehm-Ermolli: In a bitter struggle on the battlefield near Tarnopol, while the emperor was a spectator, our divisions extended their gains by a powerful attack at the bridgehead on the eastern bank of the Sereth which recently was contested hotly. Further south, in spite of stubborn resistance of Russians, who were sent forward regardless of the fact that thousands upon thousands of them were being mowed down under the destructive fire, we captured the Galza and Sereth crossings from Trembowla to Skomorooze. We are advancing rapidly on both sides of the Dniester. Kolomea has been captured by Bavarian and Austro-Hungarian troops.

"Front of Archduke Joseph: In the northeastern portion of the wooded Carpathians our troops are following on the heels of the enemy, who is in retreat in the direction of the Pruth.

"In the mountainous east of Kerdzh-Vasarhely Transylvania fresh engagements developed yesterday. We have left to the enemy the Soveja (Suchitza) valley as far as the upper course of the Putna.

"Army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen: The fighting activity on the lower Sereth was less violent than on the preceding days.

"Macedonian front: There is nothing to report."

Paris, July 27.—The Germans shifted their infantry attacks last night to the Champagne district, at the same time continuing a very heavy bombardment in the Alsace region. Five successive attacks were delivered on the French positions on the heights south and west of Moronvilliers. All attacks failed utterly under the strong French artillery fire.

Further details of the violent fighting yesterday on the Hurtelbis front were given by the war office this afternoon. A full division, or about 20,000 men, were employed in the attacks on a short stretch of front with another division in reserve. The small success gained, the war office says, emphasizes the costly check the Germans received.

FATAL THUNDER STORMS

Three Women Killed in Boston—Lightning Strikes Nine Street Cars

Boston, July 29.—Three women are dead, another is dying and a soldier was killed during a series of thunder storms that visited this vicinity last night.

Nine street cars were struck by lightning and a number of passengers were injured in the panics that followed.

HOT WAVE COMING

Weather Bureau Predicts First Severe Blast of the Summer.

Washington, July 29.—The first severe heat wave of the summer in the northern and Atlantic states was predicted for next week by the weather bureau today.

Card of Thanks

We hereby wish to thank those who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our beloved daughter and sister, especially Mrs. Chas. Beau and also for the floral tributes, especially the Cooper Box shop, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Beau and family.

WORK BEGINS ON CAMP AT CHARLOTTE

New England Troops May Not Leave Inside a Month

GEN. WOND EXPLAINS

Says Site Was the Last Selected and Was the Least Prepared.

The work of laying out the New England national guard divisional camp at Charlotte, N. C., began yesterday, in accordance with telegraph orders from Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, but it will be at least two weeks before the camp is in readiness to receive troops. Some estimates place the time of departure of the guardsmen for the South at nearer a month away than two weeks.

The number of men working on the camp was increased yesterday to 2000 under the direction of Lieut-Col. W. N. Ladue, the engineer officer in charge. In the meantime Gen. Wood will come to Boston to discuss matters with Brig. Gen. Clarence R. Edwards, commanding the department of the northeast. He is expected here in a few days. The delay in having the camp ready has been explained by Gen. Wood in a telegram to Gen. Edwards with the words that it was "the last of the camps selected and the least prepared."

Gen. Wood's telegram was in answer to one sent by Gen. Edwards, in which he declared that the New England contingent was ready to move South and suggested that detachments be sent to arrange the Charlotte quarters for their reception. There would be no objection to such a course, Gen. Wood replied, except for the fact that the detachments would have to shift for themselves up on their arrival, owing to the incomplete work on the southern camp.

KILLED BY TRAIN

Manchester Farmer, Very Deaf, Was Walking Track.

Manchester, July 27.—Fred B. Gilmore, a prosperous farmer of this town, was struck and instantly killed by the south-bound milk train on the Rutland railroad a mile north of Barnville about 8 o'clock this evening. His neck was broken.

Mr. Gilmore had been fishing and was returning to his home at Manchester Center. He was walking beside the railroad track when first seen by Engineer P. W. Avery of the milk train and just before the train reached him he stepped onto the track. Mr. Gilmore was very deaf and it is supposed that he did not hear the approaching train.

He was about 50 years old and was a native of Manchester. He is survived by his wife, a son, Harold, and a daughter, Miss Elizabeth Gilmore, all of this town.

TEXAS GOVERNOR INDICTED

Four Other State Officials Are Accused of Money-Juggling.

Gov. Ferguson of Texas was indicted by the Travis county grand jury at Austin, Tex., yesterday on nine counts seven charging misapplication of public funds, one diversion of public funds and one charge of embezzlement. C. J. Bartlett, secretary of state, was indicted on four counts, charging misapplication of public funds. C. J. Stowe, state superintendent of building and grounds, was indicted on one count. C. O. Austin, commissioner of insurance and banking, was indicted on four counts.

REJECT FOUR IN FIVE

One Ward in Pittsburg Finds 80 Per Cent Unfit.

Examinations of the first quota under the draft, being held in the 23d ward of Pittsburg, are showing that nearly four out of every five are physically disqualified. It was announced at Pittsburg yesterday by the exemption board. It was said that out of 56 men examined Wednesday, 36 probably will be exempted. Out of 32 examined Thursday, 22 may be exempted.

SWITCHMEN ON STRIKE

Chicago Local Yardmen Trying to Create Closed Shop.

Chicago, July 28.—Switchmen employed in the Chicago yards went on strike today in an effort to create a closed shop.

The strikers include only half the men employed in the yard but if the strike continues it will seriously interfere with all transcontinental traffic and will interfere with the transportation of troops and war supplies.

As a precautionary measure an embargo was ordered on everything other than perishable freight.